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PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Friday, 12th February, as follows:

'Welcome everyone to my weekly update.

'This week we have experienced a really cold spell of weather, crisp dry days but very cold.

'Our gritting crews have been working hard every day as part of our Winter Maintenance action –a huge thank you to the drivers and everyone involved with this operation.

'The authority is still supporting the Vaccination Centres in partnership with the Health Board and I am pleased to hear the progress being made with Vaccinations across the County.

'The Neyland Community Hub is also now being used as a mass vaccination centre for patients of the Neyland & Johnston Doctors' Surgery.

'It's great to see this impressive new facility being used for this vital work. Our teams have been helping with extra signage for the Hub and gritting.

'As of Wednesday 24,447 people in Pembrokeshire had received their first dose of a vaccine. It's fantastic to see these numbers rising all the time and this is now 19.4% of the County's population that has had their first dose.

'Across the Hywel Dda region 81,562 people have had their first dose. This is so encouraging for the future.

'Also important is the news that more than 93% of care home residents and almost 87% of care home staff across the region have been protected.

'The numbers of people vaccinated are going up all the time and we should all be proud of this effort.

'We should also be proud that all of how our efforts to follow the rules are also paying off.

'This lockdown period has been difficult but the rules are in place to protect lives and we are seeing rates of infection fall steadily.

'Now we have to keep going. This no time to take our eye off the ball.

'Every time I read or hear that someone has lost their fight against Covid is so upsetting. This pandemic has no boundaries so we still need to stay safe and adhere to the advice.

'Unfortunately I'm still receiving feedback that people are regrettably driving to beauty spots rather than exercising from home.

'I urge everyone to please stay at home as much as possible and exercise from home – avoiding mixing with others is the best way to slow the spread.

'Next week we will have further feedback from the First Minister in relation to Alert levels and restrictions. I will keep you updated as the information comes out.

'Our press and digital team also continue to work hard to update everyone via press releases and social media posts – please check our [web site](#) and social media pages.

'My thanks go to the press and digital teams for their work over what has been a very busy year for them.

'The following coronavirus-related press releases have been issued since my last update:

- Please don't use schools as a crèche
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/please-dont-use-schools-as-a-creche-urges-council>
- Phased re-opening of schools for Foundation Phase learners
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/phased-re-opening-of-schools-for-foundation-phase-learners>
- Latest Covid-19 business support grants
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/latest-covid-19-support-grants-payments-begin-with-and1636m-paid-to-1700-businesses>
- Vital role of Test Trace Protect
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/as-vaccines-roll-out-test-trace-protect-teams-continue-vital-work-to-keep-us-safe>
- Welcome boost for volunteering
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/welcome-boost-for-volunteering-in-pembrokeshire>
- Pilot project to support vulnerable families

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/when-the-going-gets-tough>

Public Health Wales (PHW) publishes an interactive [daily dashboard](#) of data about coronavirus cases across Wales broken down by health board and local authority area, at:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

PHW also provides a [daily update](#) focusing on key public health information and updates at: <https://covid19-phwstatement.nhs.wales/>

Information about coronavirus is available [here](#) on the Welsh Government's website: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

Also, please keep an eye on our newsroom at: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom>

For service updates visit: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/emergency-planning/service-changes>

And to get daily email updates, log onto our website and sign into My Account at: <https://myaccount.pembrokeshire.gov.uk>

Other useful links:

- www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus
- www.sir-benfro.gov.uk/coronafeirws
- <https://phw.nhs.wales/>
- [Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru - Coronafeirws Newydd \(COVID-19\) - Cyngor hunan-ynysu](#)
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>